(SRI M. P. PATIL)

1¾ seers per rupee in retail while the rate at the fair price depot was only two seers a rupee.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—What were the price levels at the time the fair price depots were running and what they are now ?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—I said that there was no change.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—Is it not necessary that so far as the scarcity areas are concerned, at least jowar and other commodities are supplied ?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—The reasonable rate for jowar would be three seers per rupee and at present the market rate is 3¼ seers per rupee and therefore there is no necessity to make any provision at the State level for this purpose.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—Not in scarcity areas ?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—It is so.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Were the Government procuring any foodgrains to build up buffer stocks ?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—Yes.

Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU.—Are the Government aware that the price of rice has gone up by Rs. 5-10 after the closure of fair price depots ?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—No. It has risen by only Rs. 2-3.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—He said that there was no variation in the price level. Now in answer to my friend's question he says that it has increased by Rs. 2. Which answer is correct ?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—Difference of 2-3 rupees is not much.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—Does the Hon'ble Minister have rates for corresponding months ?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—We get rates from month to month and week to week, but I am quoting the rates prevailing at present.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜೆ. ಬಿ. ಮಲ್ಲಾರಾಧ್ಯ.—"ಬ" ಭಾಗದ ಉತ್ತರದಲ್ಲಿ "ಯಾರ ಸೂಚನೆಯ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಇದನ್ನು ನಿಲ್ಲಿಸಲಾಯಿತು" ಎಂಬುದಕ್ಕೆ ಉತ್ತರ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿಲ್ಲ, ಏಕೆ ?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—Nobody has issued an order that the fair price depots should be closed ; Government has not issued such an order that rice would not be supplied and that wheat would be supplied.

Sri S. MUNIRAJU.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that the price of ragi has gone up ?

Sri M. P. PATIL.—On the other hand, it has come down.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಎಲ್. ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ.—Buffer Stock ಎಷ್ಟು ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೀರೆಂಬುದನ್ನು ಹೇಳುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಪಿ. ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—1,80,000 ಪಲ್ಲಾಗಳು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಎಲ್. ನರಸಿಂಹಯ್ಯ.—ಸೊಸೈಟಿಗಳು ಈಗ ಕೆಲವು ಬತ್ತವನ್ನು ಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಿವೆಯಲ್ಲಾ, ಅದೂ ಸೇರಿಯೇ ನೀವುಹೇಳುವುದು ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಪಿ. ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಕೊಂಡು ಕೊಂಡಿರುವ ಭತ್ತ ಇಷ್ಟು.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Question time is over.

QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY

(but not taken up)

Number of Landless and Land-Owning Peasant Families in the State.

Q.—947. Sri T. K. GANGI REDDY (Chintamani).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of landless peasant families in the State ;

(*b*) the number of peasant families who own less than five acres of dry land or one acre of wet land ;

(*c*) the number of peasant families owning fifteen acres of dry land or three acres of wet land ?

A.—Sri M. P. PATIL (Minister for Revenue).—

(*a*) 9,32,188 (excludes figures for South Kanara District)

(*b*) 9,91,978.

(*c*) 4,46,212.